

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Ringling of the Church Bell

Welcome

Read Vision Statement

God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

*Call to Worship: Confirmation Student, Gabby Rohlik

L: O God, when You went out before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked,

P: the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

L: Rain in abundance, O God, You showered abroad; You restored Your heritage when it languished; Your flock found a dwelling in it; in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the needy.

P: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

*Prayer of Invocation: Confirmation Student, Gabby Rohlik

O God of Glory, Your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to Your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into Your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn #401 "Gather Us In"

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, You have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown Your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of Your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to Your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as You would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

*Time for Silent Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

L: We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into His presence.

P: Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

L: Believe the promise of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Response: #415 "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

1: Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

*Share the Peace of Christ with One Another

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem: Chancel Choir

Moment for Children: Quentin Markfort

Prayer of Illumination

O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 68:1-10

1 Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

3 But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

4 Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds[a] — his name is the Lord— be exultant before him.

5 Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

6 God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

7 O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, Selah

8 the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

10 your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy

Gospel: John 17:1-11

1 After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Sermon

Quentin Markfort

***Hymn #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"**

***The Apostle's Creed:** (page 35 in hymnal)

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the Church

L: Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer: (page 35 in hymnal)

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

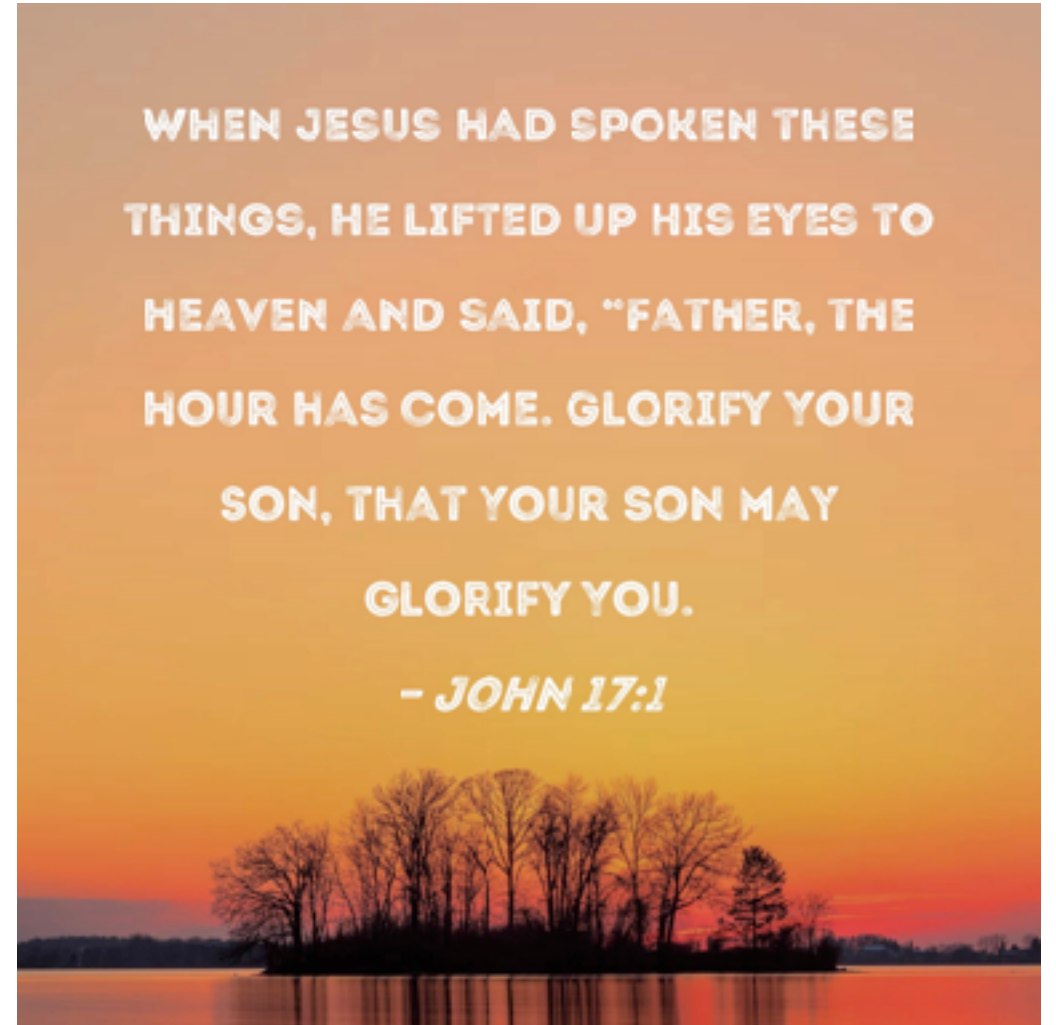
Blessed are You, God of all creation; through Your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for Your glory and for the service of Your kingdom. Blessed be God forever.

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is:
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May 17, 2026, 7th Sunday of Easter

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***Responsive Hymn: #606 "The Doxology"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

With abundance upon abundance, Almighty God, You have seen to our needs. We return this portion of our wealth, we offer these prayers, and we remember the gift of time You have given us as tokens of our commitment to know You, to love You, and to serve You. Bless these gifts, multiply and use them, and may we be blessed ourselves as we see Your work in our midst, **Amen.**

***Hymn #269 "Lead On, O King Eternal"**

***Benediction**

Go now as God's beloved, the church for whom Jesus prayed, and offer our lives as prayers of response to all the ways God has blessed us. As we go, may the grace, mercy, and fellowship of God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be and abide with us always. **Amen.**

***Postlude**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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2026 Per-Capita: \$47.00 per person

The Choices Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign ~ We are excited to support The Choices Pregnancy Center through their annual Baby Bottle Campaign, Mother's Day - Father's Day! This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in so many lives.

How You Can Help: Pick up a baby bottle from the back of the sanctuary today. Fill it with spare change, cash, or a check over the next few weeks. Return the filled bottle to the church by June 21! Your generous contributions will help provide life-affirming services, education, and support for families in our community. Together we can make a BIG impact!

May Ushers: Head Usher: Rhonda Joldersma

Ushers: Michael Joldersma, Tom & Barb Stough, Shawn & LeAnne Corder, Donavon Sharpe

June Communion Servers: Head Server: Sonya Alexander

Michael Joldersma, Julie Fiala, Julie Rienstra, Dan Tiffany, Dorie Oja, Mike Bentson

May Deacon of the Month: Laura Kohler

Today's Greeters: Bruce & Ann Tiffany

May Money Counters: Rick Hauge & Nick Brozek

June Money Counters: Michael Joldersma & Becky Schultz

Office Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 11am-2pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 11am-2pm
Friday: 8am-2 pm

Graduation Parties:

Ethin: May 30, 2-6pm, Morton Park
(by the playground area)
Lauren: May 30, 11-2pm,
105 Aspenwood Dr, RWF

Pray for The Following

Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.

Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.

Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.

Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

May Birthdays: 3rd: Mark Oja, 11th: Greg Dording, 13th: Dallas & Savannah Kleinhuizen, 18th: Joyce Goodyear, Larry Wessels, 22nd: Dan Fuhr, Jim Palmer, 25th: Preston Brozek, 30th: Lucas Fuhr

May Anniversaries: 4th: Gerry & Deb Hess, 19th: Bruce & Ann Tiffany

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:

Bunny Nolting, Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes

All Those Fighting Cancer: *Gerry Hess, Jim Curtis, Shayla Shaw, Sally Sisk - Julie Fiala's Sister*

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

Calendar of Events ~ Looking at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, May 17: 9:15 am: LAST Choir Practice
10:15 am: Worship - Quentin Markfort
Wednesday, May 20: 8:00 am: Bible Study
3:00 pm: Bible Study

Sunday, May 24: 10:15 am: Worship - Stan Menning
Wednesday, May 27: 8:00 am: Bible Study
3:00 pm: Bible Study

Sunday, May 31: 10:15 am: Worship - Adrienne Danielson & Shawn Corder

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...

Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!